

25X1

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1 September 1959

File FD-128

Agent Identification

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Identification

1. The purpose of this project is to produce some 45 additional overlays to bring our twenty-five (25) identification kits up to date, print 100 new instruction manuals and to develop a new prototype carrying case; all with the aim in mind of being ready for production for Agency stock.

2. The contractor, [] was visited by the undersigned on 25 August. The production of the overlays is not yet complete due to the slow delivery of the artist and photographer. Several errors were found in the proofs that were available. The (pork pie) hat was missing and certain slides were misnumbered. It was also noted that among the women's hair-dos, one with the hair swept up on the head should have been included. [] TSS/GARD, has been contacted on this and has promised to supply us with the art work for a typical up-swept hair-do.

3. On 26 August a meeting was held in [] office, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, with the Chief, [] (TSS/PAD), and the undersigned.

NOTE: Walt, PAD has recently been assigned the responsibility for the identification kit as far as operations, training, and sales.

[] were most impressed with [] knowledge of and experience in the identification field. It was readily apparent as a result of this meeting that operator training and experience in interrogation techniques is extremely important and is something that will have to be concentrated on in our training programs. If a person, at first exposure to the kit, were to misinterrupt the basic philosophy behind the use of the kit it would do irreparable damage. We are very fortunate to have Chief McDonald's experience at our disposal. Starting on October 5th, [] is sponsoring a course to be taught by Chief McDonald on the kit, its capabilities, interrogation techniques, etc. for various law enforcement officers. We were very impressed with the similarity between police identification problems and ours. It was decided that it would be to our best advantage to have one or two men attend this course. [] should definitely attend. The course is scheduled for forty (40) hours instruction, tuition \$100. [] showed us the results of various operational cases with which they have had success recently. Their batting average is somewhere between 25 to 35% as compared to one-half of 1% for finger prints.

4. That afternoon Messrs. [] and the undersigned met with [] The

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

new portable case (partially completed) was shown. As a result of [] 25X1 experience in training some 35 Agency people in the use of the kit, certain small defects in the new unit became apparent and were rectified. The kit should be ready for delivery in approximately two weeks. This first prototype is being incorporated in a portable Olivetty typewriter case and constructed so that it will be detachable from the case so that we can try concealing it in other items such as brief cases, etc. This new carrying case should cut costs considerably.

25X1 5. The lay-out of the art work for the new instruction manual is just beginning. All the prints of the overlays are to be full size; no reduction. Photostats of the art work are to be sent to us for approval before the manual goes to press. The new manual should measure slightly under 10x10 inches. 25X1 The text will be reviewed by both the contractor and [] and some minor changes made, such as dropping mention of the playing card size kit. Face colors will also be dropped as a result of [] evaluation. In addition to hair lines; eyes, eyebrows, and chins will now be double slotted so that they can be reversed.

6. Costs: Our first order of 25 kits costs us approximately \$600.00 each. It is now estimated that for a quantity of 100 the costs will be cut in half, with a good possibility of further cost reduction.

7. The decision was made to accept [] printed 25X1 technique over our present photographic method. This is based on McDonald's evaluation where four kits have been used day and night for five months with no deterioration to the printing.

8. I brought back a set of printed overlays for our evaluation. These are only on loan to us and are to be returned to the contractor. Also, I brought back a Hadley File Container which we were originally thinking of using for a carrying case.

9. Distribution: It is our understanding with [] 25X1 that they are to keep us informed of who they are making sales to. [] 25X1 was concerned if some should get into the wrong hands. Chief McDonald stated that both the French and British are knowledgeable of our kits. The contractor plans to lease these kits as opposed to selling them and therefore should have very accurate records of where they are going.

[] 25X1

TSS/ED/MT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~